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### **MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2013 MEETING**

Attendees: Gary Litchfield, Guy Licciardi, Joe Esposito and Joseph Krowski, Jr.  
In the absence of Chair Adams, Commissioner Krowski, Jr. chaired the meeting.

The meeting convened at 11:43a.m.

- Reviewed and approved the Minutes from March 14, 2013 (4-0).
- The Suspension list for March 16, 2013 was approved (4-0).
- Fighters late to the Weigh-In on February 22, 2013 - Joshua Beuparlant explained that he had a flat tire and had to wait for AAA to come with a spare. He said he was in contact with the matchmaker during that time and explained what had happened. Tyreese Lockett did not appear and will remain on suspension until he does.
- Jimmy Leblanc Suspension – Fighter did not appear and will remain on suspension until he appears before the Commission.
- Joshua Beuparlant Suspension – Joshua will not be allowed to fight for at least 90 days until a reputable trainer vouches for him that he is fit to fight approved (4-0). Joshua also may not attest to any fighters on their debut forms on their ability to fight.
- Rafael Jusino suspension will remain in effect for 6 months at which time he will need an attestation from a reputable trainer that he is fit to fight.
- Review/Approve Applications:
  - Karyn Wesch – Event application for April 28, 2013, approved (4-0).
  - Robin Taylor – Boxing judge application approved (4-0).
  - John Basile – Boxing Judge application was tabled will review next meeting after speaking with NY Commission
  - Danny Kelly – Event application for May 24, 2013 approved (4-0) pending renewal of Bond.
  - Holly Najdzin – Promoter application approved (-4-0). Event application approved (4-0) for June 22, 2013.
- Reviewed fight card: April 28, 2013, Karyn Wesch, approved (4-0).
- New Criteria for ABC/MMA Judging System – Kevin MacDonald, Massachusetts referee reviewed the 10 point system criteria (see attached). Thirty five states have voted to change to the new system. He stated he would be able to teach our current licensed judges over a one or 2 day period. Kevin will not charge for the first training for our licensed judges.

David Ginsberg, Massachusetts licensed judge welcomed other Massachusetts licensed judges to come to one of his classes to learn holds, etc. Dave has been teaching jiu-jitsu, kick boxing and wrestling for over 15 years. Dave has judged approximately 8,000 MMA events.

Commissioner Joseph Krowski, Jr. made a motion to waive the course requirement for Judge Dave Ginsberg, approved (4-0). Another motion was made to have all licensed MMA judges certified by June 15, 2013, either by taking an ABC/MMA certified course or to take the class offered by Kevin MacDonald, one time, free of charge (approved 4-0).

- New Business: Anthony Pietrantonio forged medicals – Fighter suspended indefinitely until he requests a hearing. Staff will send out notification of right of hearing.

Cheryl Benoit, time keeper at March 10, 2013, staff will request a video of the event.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13p.m.